

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1829**

---

**Introduced by Assembly Member Bradford**

February 22, 2012

---

An act to add Section 49591 to the Education Code, relating to school lunches.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1829, as introduced, Bradford. Schools: National School Lunch Program.

Existing law requires the State Department of Education to ensure that the nutrition levels of meals served to schoolage children pursuant to the National School Lunch Act be of the highest quality and greatest nutritional value possible.

Existing law requires each school district and county superintendent of schools maintaining any kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to provide for each needy pupil one nutritionally adequate free or reduced-price meal during each schoolday and defines a nutritionally adequate meal as a breakfast or lunch that qualifies for reimbursement under the federal child nutrition program regulations.

This bill would require a school district participating in the National School Lunch Program to disseminate specified information regarding the nutritional content of the reimbursable lunches served as part of the program in a manner that permits parents and pupils to access the nutritional information while they access the daily school lunch menu, commencing with the 2013–14 school year. The bill would specify that these requirements apply only to school districts that, as of January 1, 2013, regularly disseminate school menu information online or in printed form.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares the  
2     following:  
3     (1) There is an increase in the number of overweight children  
4     in California.  
5     (2) Medical literature documents the severe, lifelong health  
6     consequences of diets high in fat and saturated fat as well as the  
7     health and economic consequences of being overweight or obese.  
8     (3) The National School Lunch Program can play a critical role  
9     in addressing this health crisis.  
10    (4) Parental involvement is essential to maximizing the  
11    obesity-prevention potential of the National School Lunch Program.  
12    (b) Therefore, recognizing the availability of free and readily  
13    accessible nutritional information for entrees and other components  
14    served as part of the National School Lunch Program, it is the  
15    intent of the Legislature that parents be informed if their school  
16    district has adopted guidelines to provide parents with information  
17    about the nutritional content of meals served through the National  
18    School Lunch Program.  
19    SEC. 2. Section 49591 is added to the Education Code, to read:  
20    49591. (a) Commencing with the 2013–14 school year, a  
21    school district participating in the National School Lunch Program  
22    shall disseminate information regarding the nutritional content of  
23    the reimbursable lunches served as part of the program. This  
24    information shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following:  
25    (1) The total number of calories in each meal.  
26    (2) The total number of grams of saturated fat in each meal.  
27    (3) The total number of grams of protein in each meal.  
28    (4) The total number of carbohydrates in each meal.  
29    (5) The total number of milligrams of sodium in each meal.  
30    (b) A school district participating in the National School Lunch  
31    Program shall present the information described in subdivision (a)  
32    in a manner that permits parents and pupils to access the nutritional  
33    information while they access the daily school lunch menu.

- 1 (c) This section shall apply only to school districts that, as of
- 2 January 1, 2013, regularly disseminate school menu information
- 3 online or in printed form.

O